

6. The method of allowing bypass of a ring signal in a voice messaging system according to claim 4, wherein said answering comprises:

allowing a caller associated with said incoming call to record a voice message without requiring reception of any ring signal relating to said incoming call.

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9. The apparatus for allowing bypass of a ring signal in a voice messaging system according to claim 8, wherein said means for answering comprises:

means for playing an outgoing greeting message to a caller associated with said incoming call without requiring reception of any ring signal relating to said incoming call; and

means for allowing said caller to record a voice message.

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10. The apparatus for allowing bypass of a ring signal in a voice messaging system according to claim 8, wherein said means for answering comprises:

means for allowing a caller associated with said incoming call to record a voice message without requiring reception of any ring signal relating to said incoming call.

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13. The method of allowing a calling party to bypass a ring signal in a voice messaging system of a called party according to claim 12, further comprising:

allowing said calling party to record a voice message in said voice message memory before reception of any ring signal.

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